

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2335

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served May 7, 1982

Investigation of INTERSTATE)
TAXICAB RATES for Service within)
the Metropolitan District,)
Specifically AIR TRANSIT, INC.)

Case No. MP-82-04

By Order No. 2334, served this same date, we issued our decision in Case No. MP-82-03 as it applies to interstate rates for District of Columbia taxicabs within the Metropolitan District.

As pertinent here, the rates in that order, as they differ from the existing rates of Air Transit, Inc., are:

\$1.70 First mile or part thereof
.50 Each additional 1/2 mile or part thereof

The Commission generally prescribes rates for Air Transit, Inc., 1/ which are the same as rates prescribed for interstate service provided by District of Columbia taxicabs. However, unlike District of Columbia taxicabs which calculate interstate fares by using their odometers, Air Transit employs taximeters. So from time to time it is necessary to grant minor rate modifications to Air Transit to make its rate structure mechanically compatible with its taximeters and operating circumstances.

1/ Air Transit operates taxicab service from Dulles International Airport (Dulles) to points located within the Metropolitan District. As pertinent here, the Commission can prescribe taxicab rates from a point in one Compact signatory to a point in another Compact signatory when both points are within the Metropolitan District. See Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 8. Therefore, the rates here involved are between Dulles, which is located in Virginia, on the one hand, and on the other, points in the District of Columbia, Montgomery County, Md., and Prince George's County, Md.

We shall institute an investigation, naming Air Transit, Inc., a respondent thereto, for the purpose of determining whether the rates prescribed in Order No. 2334 can be accommodated on the taximeters of Air Transit, Inc. If not, Air Transit, Inc., will be required to submit a proposed alternative rate structure which approximates as closely as possible the rates prescribed by Order No. 2334 .

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That an investigation be made to determine whether the interstate taxicab rates prescribed in Order No. 2334, served May 7, 1982, can be accommodated on the taximeters of Air Transit, Inc.

2. That Air Transit, Inc., is hereby made a respondent to this investigation.

3. That within 30 days of the date of this Order, Air Transit, Inc., shall submit a written report, including its alternative proposal if necessary, and stating the number of days required to implement new rates on its taximeters.

4. That until further order of the Commission, Air Transit, Inc., shall continue to charge interstate taxicab rates as prescribed in Order No. 2214, served April 13, 1981.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, COMMISSIONERS CLEMENT, SCHIFTER AND SHANNON:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director